Attorney Docket No. 50225.8057.US01

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office action, the Examiner divided the claims into the

following groups:

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a microchannel sample-handling apparatus, classified in

class 422, subclass 68.1.

II. Claims 12-14, drawn to a method of analyzing components in a sample, classified

in class 436, subclass 501.

In response, the applicants elect to begin prosecution with examination of claim

group I, claims 1-11, without traverse. Non-elected claims 12-14 have been canceled.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is

hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account

No. 50-2207.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the

prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at

(650) 838-4401.

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